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CANADA OFFICIALS TIENTS.

Washington, May 12.—Canada has an enormous reserve stock of tentage and other quarters' supplies, on which the United States can draw if necessary for the equipment of its armies. Thomas Hillard, secretary of the Canadian War Purchasing Commission, made the offer to army officials today. Shortage of tents is expected to be a serious problem in organizing the camps for the selective draft army.

In view of the need for increased production and greater economy in the home the executive of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire has decided to issue an appeal to all members of the order to observe two meatless days a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, and two potatoless days, and to abstain from the use of real and young lamb.

PROVINCIAL AND GENERAL

Premier Lloyd George and his colleagues who have been attending a war conference of the allies in France, have returned safely to London.

Deputy Chief William McRae was appointed chief of the Vancouver police force, succeeding the late Chief M. B. MacLennan, by the police commission at a meeting last Thursday.

Locomotive engineers on the C. P. R. from Fort William east have settled their differences with the company and secured an eight-hour working day agreement. Nearly 3500 engineers and firemen will receive from 20 to 25 per cent. increase in wages.

An energetic campaign to persuade Americans in the United Kingdom to tender immediately to the United States Government their services for such war duties as they are capable of performing, has been undertaken by the American Society of London. There are thousands of American citizens in Great Britain.

Practically the entire textile trade of England has been notified of a demand for wages aggregating 65 per cent. over the scale before the war. The unions say it is necessary to keep the buying value of wages equal to that before the war. Formal notice has been given opening the struggle for mediation through the government.

Lieut.-Col. L. W. Coutlee, K. C., a former deputy attorney-general in Manitoba, and civil law reporter on the Supreme Court of Canada, is deceased. Col. Coutlee had served in the Canadian militia since 1866, being three times on active service. He carried the medal with two clasps for Fenian Raids, 1866-1870. He was captain of Winnipeg Field Battery on service during the Northwest campaigns in 1885.

Emperor Charles, accompanied by the Austrian premier, has embarked on a tour of Galicia to which considerable political importance is attributed. A dispatch reports. The plan to give Galicia a special autonomous position in the empire, incidentally cutting the Polish strength in the Austrian parliament and giving the German parties working control, has been dropped, and the Emperor and Premier are now endeavoring to find some other solution.

Despite the submarine campaign the exports of precious stones from Great Britain to the United States in the last few months are valued at \$7,968,332, against \$7,242,826 for the same month last year, according to United States consular figures. Diamonds and pearls, it is believed, formed the principal items. The steady flow of jewels to America has been most marked during the past year, indicating that many families are disposing of their jewels to meet the exigencies of war.

The United States has arranged to make a loan of \$15,000,000 to Belgium, which will be expended by the Belgian Relief Commission. The loan will be advanced at the rate of \$12,500,000 a month, of which seven millions will be available for relief in Belgium and five millions for relief in Northern France. The making of the loan to the United States will take the burden of the relief of Belgium and France from the shoulders of Great Britain and America and conduct it from this country as far as possible.

A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam gives the reply of Emperor William to recent congratulations sent him by the Sultan of Turkey on the bravery of the German troops. Emperor William said: "All eyes are turned on the mighty conflict in the West, where our enemies, superior in numbers and material, are seeking a decision. Our brave troops are there accomplishing deeds such as never before have been recorded in the history of all times, and of all peoples. May the Almighty also protect them in the future and lead them to complete victory."

"Great Britain's 'mentless days' is to be abolished, because it augments the demand on breadstuffs and other substitutes which are less plentiful than wheat. This was announced last week by Baron Devenport, who declared that a diminution in the consumption of breadstuffs was of vital moment and a main factor in the situation, but he added: "Provided that the call for a reduction is responded to, and the efforts of the submarines are not successful beyond reasonable likelihood, we shall get through with a fairly sufficient balance at the time the new harvest becomes available."

The records of the all-Northwest egg hunt, recently held under the auspices of the State College of Washington show that during March, of the twenty hens laying the highest number of eggs were White Leghorns, six were Single Comb Rhode Island Reds, five were Barred Rocks, one a Brown Leghorn, and one a Favorelle, while the records from October 15 to March 21 show that of the twenty-three hens, twelve were White Leghorns, four were Barred Rocks, three were Single Comb Rhode Island Reds, two were White Leghorns, one a Brown Leghorn, and one a White Wyandotte.

The war production club, launched by the Toronto Board of Trade, will be continued for the next two or three years, probably longer, in order to meet the emergency after the war. At a special conference of the club last week a resolution was endorsed unanimously asking the Board of Education to close the senior forms in the public schools and colleges a month earlier than in former years, thus enabling boys from 12 to 17 years of age to assist in the cultivation and cropping of vacant lands, covering about 3,000 acres on the outskirts of Toronto. The Ontario Motor League will aid in solving the problem of transporting the workers.

Major General Thomas McArthur Anderson, U. S. A., retired, who led the African force which captured Manila during the Spanish-American war, died last week at Portland, Oregon. Death came suddenly as he was preparing to attend a banquet of the Loyal Legion, an organization of Civil War officers, at which he was to have been toastmaster. General Anderson was commander as brigadier-general of the expeditionary force which was landed at Manila early in the war. The cause of death was heart failure, brought on by running upstairs too rapidly, according to physicians declared. He was born in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, January 21, 1836.

Brigadier-General Leckie has been transferred from the Canadian expeditionary force upon recall to Canada to assume temporary command of military district No. 11.

Col. Frank A. Symonds, assistant director of the medical services, has been killed. He was a son of the late John Hughes Symonds of Nova Scotia and served in the South African war, being present at the relief of Ladysmith.

Wooden ships to the value of approximately one million dollars will be constructed at New Westminster and at other points along the Fraser River according to a contract just let by the Dominion Government.

Baron Devenport, the British food controller, has ordered that from May 20 the maximum retail price of maize flour, maize meal and other like products, shall be four pence per pound. The maximum price of oatmeal, rolled oats and flaked oats will be 5-1-8 pence.

According to official information Turkish agents are at work in Switzerland to assure the continued existence of Turkey. Provided the Turks are not driven out of Constantinople it is understood willingness is expressed by the Turks to allow the Dardanelles to be completely free.

News has been received of the death from wounds of Lieutenant Lord Chelmsford, son of the late Lord Chelmsford, who was killed in action in the Indian war. Lord Chelmsford, Lord Hardinge, died of wounds in 1914. Lieut. Thesiger was born in 1896, and previously was wounded in March, 1916.

Announcement that Liberia has severed diplomatic relations with Germany was received at Washington, last week, by Ernest Lyon, consul-general of the negro republic. He said the break carries a practical advantage to the Entente allies, because it will render German control of the wireless telegraph and cable facilities of Liberia.

Max Freed, 45, promoter and father of nine children, committed suicide in his office of the Mutual Life building at Seattle last Thursday after telling a friend over the telephone that he intended to shoot himself. Freed was organizing a company to manufacture loganberry juice beverages. He was found lying on his office floor, by the police, with a bullet in his head.

Joseph McGuinness, a Sinn Feiner, has been elected to the House of Commons at the special election held to fill the vacancy for the southern division of Londonderry County, Ireland. His majority was thirty-seven over Patrick McKenna, Nationalist. South Londonderry is the constituency represented for many years by Hon. Edward Blake, at one time Liberal leader in Canada.

The United States was represented at the recent allied war council in Paris. Rear Admiral S. S. Sims and Lieut. Commander W. R. Sayles, the United States naval attaché, attended. It is stated that, as far as possible, Admiral Sims will direct operations in the United States participation from London, to avoid delay and uncertainty in direction from across the Atlantic.

The Montreal Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution in favor of closing the schools and colleges in the province of Quebec for the summer months, in order to release for service on the farms youths of suitable age. It is pointed out that of 212,000 students, 75,000 are from the ages of 14 and 20 years, and of these 50,000 are the sons of farmers, versed in agricultural methods.

Both French and British statistics on submarine sinking during the last week show a certain improvement in the situation. Says Marcel Hutin, a usually well-informed writer on the subject. He adds: "I understand that our means of fighting submarines is increasing daily, and without giving details, I can say that the number of submarines put out of action in the last few days has risen in a very satisfactory manner."

The following appointments are announced in the current week's Provincial Gazette: To be justices of the peace, Ernest A. Halliday of Kingsome Inlet; William J. I. Irvine of Okanagan; Nelson J. Carson, of Phoenix; Alfred H. Hooper, of Seymour Arm; Ernest Bennett, of Mara; John W. Prescott, of Vancouver. Notary public, Joseph A. Brunet, of Millardville. Mr. A. Barry of Montreal, is appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits within the Province of Quebec for use in the courts of British Columbia.

Fifty were killed, hundreds were injured and many houses were wrecked in an explosion on May 7 in the munition plant of the Mitsubishi company at Osaka, Japan, according to a telegram received in San Francisco. Thirty powder houses exploded, the despatch said. The cause is unknown. Four stevedores, suspected of causing the explosion, have been arrested. The Mitsubishi company, one of the largest commercial companies of Japan, has been making great quantities of munition for Russia. It is owned by Baron M. I. Wasekura, who is reported to have donated \$500,000 to the sufferers by the explosion.

Insurance losses amounting to almost seven million dollars have been incurred by Canadian insurance companies as a result of the war, says an official statement issued by the insurance branch of the Department of Finance. In 1914 insurance companies operating under Dominion licenses have paid claims amounting to \$6,618,268, while previously incorporated fraternal societies have paid out \$351,269. In 1916, Dominion companies paid out \$4,560,938 as compared with \$1,375,725 in 1915, and \$1,751,515 in 1914. In addition to the Canadian companies, claims have been paid by British and foreign companies slightly in excess of one million dollars.

A bronze statue representing Marshal Joffre standing against a background of rocks on which are inscribed the names of his victorious battles, has been presented to Marshal Joffre by Louis C. Tiffany. The bronze figure is twenty-six inches high. The "Le Reu" are carried to the base. The figure was accompanied by the following letter: "The subjects of the different Allied nations, employed in various capacities at the studio of Louis C. Tiffany, filled with the desire to show their appreciation of the services you rendered to humanity at the battle of the Marne, ask you to accept the accompanying token with the great love and esteem which fills the heart of every man whose name is inscribed below."

Thirteen Austrian submarines have been sunk in the Mediterranean in the past three weeks by the Italian naval forces.

Lieut.-Col. A. Bruce Powley, 24th Reserve Battalion, has been appointed acting officer commanding the British Columbia regimental depot in England.

An increase of from 8 to 9 per cent for British war insurance on cargo carried on neutral steamers of the United Kingdom was announced last week.

The engagement is announced of Prince Alexander, son of Princess Henry of Battenburg, and Lady Irene Denison, only daughter of the Earl of Londesborough.

Major-General Kartzoff, commander of the Siberian Rifles division, while on duty in the Caucasus, was attacked while walking near the railroad station at Riga. His assailant disappeared and his identity is unknown.

Since the visit to Chicago of the French Mission, thousands of recruits have flocked under the standard of the American Red Cross, which is conducting a campaign for 250,000 members in the city.

A. L. Haining, director of National Service for Saskatchewan, has written Premier Martin urging that steps be taken by the Provincial Government so that the farmers may, in case of necessity, work on Sunday, in order to save their crops.

J. C. Watters, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, and Senator Robertson, of Welland, have been selected by the Government as Canadian delegates to the big conference of allied labor men which is to convene in Washington.

The executive committee of the Russian workmen's and soldiers' delegates has resolved to convene in a neutral country—an international Socialist conference to discuss peace, a Reuter's telegram from Petrograd says.

The Montreal Gazette's correspondent in London cables that Pte. Bachelor, of a Toronto Highland battalion, has reached England after escaping from Germany, and states that the British prisoners, all sent to British prisoners. He also told the correspondent of The Gazette that soap is a most difficult article to get in the prison camps.

Rev. Alexander Laird, professor of English literature in the Royal Military College, Kingston, for thirteen years, died in Montreal last week in the Royal Victoria Hospital. He was 51 years old, born at Princeton, P. E. I., and died on the twentieth anniversary of his ordination as a minister. He was a brother of Rev. Robert Laird, formerly of St. John's Church, Vancouver.

The Canadian Northern Bureau of Information has given out the report that this year there will be a small increase in the acreage of wheat in the Middle West. Seeding is proceeding satisfactorily and the labor situation is satisfactory. Owing to the lateness of the season in some places, the acreage in wheat will show no increase, but there will be a larger acreage sown to oats and flax.

The gill net fishing tug Thistle of Rondeau made a most unusual and welcome catch a couple of days ago, says a London, Ont., despatch. When they lifted their nets they found that thousands of ducks must have been diving in the water for spawn and had become caught and drowned. They were brought ashore and found to be about five tons in weight. Some were carried away for fertilizing purposes.

The ratapayers of Nanaimo have endorsed the proposal to purchase the property of the Nanaimo Athletic Club, and the council will now go ahead and consummate the deal which will transfer to the citizens the ownership of the club property on Chapel Street and the recreation field known as the Cricket Grounds. A referendum on the proposal was taken at the recent municipal elections when 594 ratapayers voted in favor and 264 against.

A representative of the German War Department has admitted in the Reichstag that a number of Belgian subjects resident in Cologne had been drafted into the German army in spite of the protests that they were veterans of the Belgian army. The admission was made in answer to an interpellation by a radical Socialist deputy. The War Department official promised that the question of citizenship in these cases would be reviewed.

Judge F. M. Young of Prince Rupert has been appointed commissioner to enquire into the Port George election charges. When the proposal to appoint a royal commission to investigate the statements made that W. J. Ross was elected by the exercise of undue influence, Mr. Bowser was asked by the Attorney-General to name the commissioner. He declined, however, to accept the responsibility and the Government has now selected Judge Young.

The latest returns of Canadian patients in hospitals in the United Kingdom just received in Ottawa, gives a total of 19,459 on April 20, including 683 officers. The total had fallen from 20,315 on March 26, and on October 20, 1916, to 14,166 on April 6 last. The total for April 20 is made up thus: In Canadian primary hospitals, 3180; in Canadian special hospitals, 1658; in Canadian convalescent hospitals, 3986; in special sanatoria, 82; in British hospitals, 10,653.

An official report of a conference of fifty trades unionists connected with engineering and shipbuilding industries which was held at the Ministry of Munitions last week, reveals, according to the statements made, that Arthur Henderson, Minister without portfolio, who presided, the existence of strikes of engineers in various parts of the country, "which are gravely impeding the supply of certain vital munitions which are being pressed for by the army in France."

The Halifax District Trades and Labor Council has endorsed a motion adopted by the Sydney Trades and Labor Council, resolving that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada should bring the matter of fixing prices of foodstuffs before the Federal Government and ask for a royal commission to investigate conditions, and for government control of all foodstuffs, until it is positively ascertained that our domestic needs are fully provided for and the cost of living reduced to normal conditions.

BRITISH MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE

Strong German Positions Fall to Furious Onslaught of Haig's Victorious Troops.

With the British Armies in France, May 12, via London.—In a series of attacks last night and today the British troops captured several strong German positions, including one or two which have been sources of more or less trouble ever since the battle of Arras began.

The famous chemical works, north of the village of Rouex, has at last been definitely taken possession of, as well as the Rouex chateau and cemetery.

The cemetery has been a very bitter spot, the Germans having fortified the graves with machine guns and turned the underground vaults into strongholds.

Southeast of Monchy the British captured several pits and detached German trenches, as well as Cavalry Farm.

Australians in Bullecourt. South of the Colne River in the neighborhood of Bullecourt the British materially extended their holdings in the Hindenburg line and tonight Bullecourt is all but surrounded by the British lines, which include the number of prisoners in these actions will total more than 600. About 400 men were taken north of the chemical works; most of them Brandenburgs and Berliners.

It was a variegated assortment, this lot containing some boys, who looked like splendid soldiers, while others were little bearded fellows who appeared to come from classes heretofore rejected as unfit. All seemed quite defiant. There were many Bavarians in the fighting also, but they mostly fought to the death. Near Cavalry Farm the British and Germans fought in the same trench. After the British had swept into the trench the Germans poured in from the northeastern end and attempted to bomb their way along, but the British blocked them and held all their gains.

FRENCH STATESMEN VISIT OTTAWA. Former Premier of France Addresses the Dominion House of Commons.

Ottawa, May 12.—M. Viviani, former Premier of France, and head of the French mission which has been visiting the United States, and other members of the mission paid a flying visit to the capital of Canada today at the invitation of the Canadian Government, for the purpose of conveying personally to the people of the Dominion a message of friendship from the great European republic, joined in unshakable bonds with Canada and the rest of the British Empire in the world's greatest war.

M. Viviani was given a magnificent reception as he and his colleagues passed along the streets from the railway station to the House of Parliament. The buildings and private houses along the route were decorated with flags and bunting in which the flag of France was prominent, and hearty cheers greeted the appearance of the French mission. Over the Parliament Buildings, alongside the Union Jack of the British Empire, flew for the first time in the history of the Dominion the French national ensign.

Arriving in the chamber, M. Viviani was welcomed by Deputy Speaker Bainville. The floor and galleries were crowded with members, senators, their wives and friends, and long continued applause greeted the appearance of the mission. M. Viviani was conducted to a seat to the right of the Deputy Speaker. This was the first occasion upon which a visitor to the Canadian Parliament had been accorded a seat on the Speaker's dais, and also the first occasion upon which any individual other than a member of the House had addressed it.

Inspiring Address. M. Viviani inspired his audience with the fervor and vehemence of his utterances. Speaking in French, with great rapidity, he said that the French mission to the United States had thought that it might pay at least a short visit to Canada. To be able to visit this country was to him a great joy and honor.

He won his first torrent of applause by referring to the pride and pleasure caused by the appearance of Canadian troops in the streets of Paris. Canada had done a great deal for the Allies in sending troops in such large numbers, as well as hospitals, ambulances and relief for the stricken Belgians.

M. Viviani paid a tribute to the members of the House of Commons and their sons who had donned khaki in the defence of liberty. They were fighting for the overthrow of the worst form of barbarism the world has ever seen.

The Canadian troops at Ypres had saved the situation. They were the heroes of that fateful day when the Germans were prevented from breaching through to Calais.

M. Viviani said he would like very much to see more of Canada. He impressively declared that the war was a war for liberty and not a war for territorial gain. Great Britain had made no preparation for war, but she had determined to fight in order to find out whether or not man had the right to enjoy his freedom and liberty. France had an army of 6,000,000, but her organization for war was inadequate as compared with that of Germany, and France would owe her freedom to the fact that Great Britain and the Overseas Dominions of the British Empire had come to her assistance. In France all parties were united. They had decided that before settling their differences it was necessary first to make certain that the people of France had a free soil.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES. Nearly Ninety Thousand Men Killed and Wounded Since the War Began.

Ottawa, May 12.—Casualties among the Canadian expeditionary forces from the time the war began up to yesterday had reached a total of 89,843 killed, wounded and missing, according to a report made tonight by the war records office.

The following is a statement of casualties of the Canadian expeditionary forces reported to the records office to May 8, 1917:

Officers.	Other.	Total.
Killed in action....	74 14,555	15,329
Died of wounds....	272 5,000	5,272
Died of illness....	49 3,391	3,242
Presumed dead....	38 1,481	1,519
Wounded.....	2,743 60,913	63,656
Missing.....	106 2,751	2,857
	3,952 85,891	89,843

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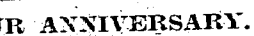
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OUR ANNIVERSARY.

With this issue the News begins another volume and enters upon its twenty-seventh year. These are times when newspapers are subjected to a severe strain in order to keep alive, and while we can look back over the past with a certain degree of pride, conscious that for over a quarter of a century of what we trust may be reasonably termed honorable, and useful service we have fairly well kept pace with the progress and development of the Okanagan, we confess that we view the future with a considerable degree of doubt and apprehension. The best that we can promise, under existing conditions, is that if it be at all possible for us to continue to serve the public in the future—as in the past we shall do our best to survive the storm and stress of these troublous times; if not we shall at least have the consolation of knowing that we have done our best.

Like every other newspaper that possesses a proper sense of its responsibility to the public, the News has always cherished certain ideas and ideals upon which it has attempted to mould its conduct. To state that we have entirely succeeded in attaining these ideals would be to claim that we are more than human. Anything approaching at all closely to perfection is reached by none of us, whether in newspaper life or other spheres of activity. We trust that we will be believed, however, when we say that we have made a constant effort to publish a paper that is reliable, truthful, clean and fair. We are quite as conscious of our shortcomings as our most severe critic can be; but we also know, as nobody outside of the business can possibly do, some of the difficulties which block a newspaper's path, and make it hard to reach the results that are desired by the publisher. If we were asked what we feel most like congratulating ourselves upon, we would be tempted to reply that, looking back over the years that are gone, we are more satisfied with our course in regard to the things we have kept out of the paper than in connection with the matter that has filled our columns from week to week.

And so we now mark another birthday with the hope that such merits as we may be found to possess will, in the minds of our subscribers, outweigh the faults which, no doubt, they all perceive. We have abundant reason to know that we have many warm friends throughout the district, and our enemies are, we think, as few as can reasonably be expected by a paper that holds strong views on matters of a political nature. Those of the former class will, we hope, wish us "many returns of the day," and we trust that the time will never arrive when there will not be a "Vernon News" to chronicle the happenings in the Okanagan.

A TRAGIC DOWNFALL.

The downfall of M. A. Macdonald will have far-reaching effects, and other developments of an equally sensational nature may be expected. If Mr. Cowper is at all justified in his recent assertions that this is only the first of a series of charges which he will bring forward regarding railway contributions to campaign funds, Mr. Macdonald's position would be infinitely better today had he not emphatically denied that there was a vestige of truth in the Cowper charges which he characterized as diabolically false. People who recall the Golden trial and the plugging scandal are now asking themselves how much Mr. Macdonald's word is worth?

We are not greatly concerned with what Mr. Macdonald made of the \$15,000 he received from the Canadian Northern, though this is a matter that may be of some interest to Liberal associates, who do not appear to have seen any of the money. We say Canadian-Northern money advisedly, for though the connection of Mr. Rod. Mackenzie with the railway company was not permitted to be brought out at the enquiry before Mr. Justice Gregory the man on the street will need no further evidence on this point. And yet during the campaign last year Liberal speakers, of whom the late Attorney-General was chief, were denouncing the C.N.R. and the P.G.E. on every platform. While if Mr. Cowper is to be believed—and so far he has shown himself to be a trustworthy witness—the coffers of these corporations were being drained to furnish funds to elect such men as M. A. Macdonald. It is hardly necessary to say that this money was not contributed for nothing, and those Liberals in the Okanagan who were disposed to believe that the C.N.R. branch here would be pushed more rapidly under a new government have now been reluctantly compelled to revise their opinions. It is no excuse to say that both parties received contributions of this kind. The point is that the Liberals were posing as being beyond suspicion in matters of this kind, and when their pre-election pledges are recalled one is irresistibly reminded of the Scriptural parable of the mote and the beam.

The News is not exulting over the fact that a young man of brilliant promise like M. A. Macdonald has wrecked his career by such practices. There is an element of tragedy in such a spectacle that calls forth other sentiments than those of delight over the discredit which has fallen upon a political opponent. Let us hope that when all this washing of dirty linen is at an end, that men of both parties will direct their steps along cleaner paths and that for many a year to come British Columbia will be free from such unpleasant mud-slinging and muck-raking as has characterized the course of the present session in the Provincial Legislature.

CONSCRIPTION.

It is becoming daily more apparent that if Canada is to maintain its forces now at the front up to their full fighting strength, to say nothing of increasing the number of our overseas battalions, recourse must speedily be made to a different system of enlistment than that which has hitherto obtained. Since the big spring offensive on the Western front commenced we have lost in killed and wounded over 20,000 men, and to fill this gap not a third of the number has been enlisted in Canada. The demand for fresh troops is becoming more insistent with every passing week. England and France are being bled to death to fill the depleted ranks. One does not need to be a pessimist to realize that the fate of the Empire and the future of humanity is still trembling in the balance. The voluntary system in Canada has achieved wonders, but its force is now spent. Something better is required of us, and that right speedily.

In a district such as the Okanagan, which holds a record unexcelled we believe in all Canada, public conscience may be comparatively free from any feeling that we have shirked our duty. The enlistment from this district since the war started has come close to 20 per cent. of our population. Canada as a whole has as yet brought to the colors only six and a quarter per cent. of her population, the proportion from the different provinces being as follows: Quebec, 2 1/2 per cent.; Prince Edward Island, 2 7/8 per cent.; Nova Scotia, 4 1/2 per cent.; New Brunswick, 5 per cent.; Ontario, 6 2/3 per cent.; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 6 2/3 per cent.; Alberta, 9 1/3 per cent.; British Columbia, 10 per cent.

The time for plain speaking has surely arrived. In the face of these figures can any person claim that Quebec has done anything approaching to her share? Have the Maritime Provinces on the Atlantic, or certain sections of Ontario measured up to the standard of duty? If all Canada had done as well as British Columbia we would now have 800,000 men under arms. If the proportion of those in khaki throughout the Dominion had been equal to the enlistment from the Okanagan, we would have nearly a million and a half men in the army. And it is of our best that we have contributed. Married men have left their families. Men holding lucrative positions have sacrificed them at the call of service. These men are fighting and pressing out to glorious deaths in order that the slacker and the craven shall be permitted to live at home in ease. Patience has a limit, and it is not surprising that the News-Advertiser gave voice recently to a very prevalent feeling when it said:

"Do we propose to stop and leave some 200,000 unmarried men of military age, taking life easily and cheerfully at home while husbands and fathers and whole families of sons are fighting or falling at the front? There is a growing feeling of impatience with young men who live in this country and cheerfully take all that it has to offer them, and allow others to bear the burden of

its protection and defence. Every principle of fair play revolts against this discrimination. There will be a more and more insistent demand that patriotism and manliness shall not be further penalized and the slacker further rewarded."

Both Premier Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier have on more than one occasion stated that neither of the political parties would endorse the principle of compulsory service. We submit that their duty to the country and the common cause of justice and freedom for which the Allies are fighting now demands a revision of these opinions. Recent developments, particularly the example set by the United States in adopting the draft system, give them ample excuse to come out boldly for the only method that can now enable us to worthily fill our part in this great struggle. This should be a matter as far removed from party politics and petty partisan squabbling as are the poles asunder. Conscription of wealth may also reasonably be demanded before we see the end of our path to victory; but in the meantime the first demand is for men, and nothing short of an effective policy to adequately meet this demand will be expected from our Canadian statesmen.

SPRAY AND THIN!

No better advice can be given the orchardists of the Okanagan than that they devote very special attention this season to spraying and thinning. It goes without saying that, owing to the British embargo, very difficult problems regarding marketing conditions on the prairies will have to be faced this year. Inferior grades of fruit will be greatly at a discount, and it is doubtful if a sale at anything approaching to a profitable price will be found for number two or three apples. Only the best product of our orchards will, in all probability, be able to meet the unusual competition of Ontario and Nova Scotia fruit at figures that will bring the growers any returns making shipment possible. There never was a time in the history of the fruit growing industry here when it was so imperative that special care be given to the trees.

Last season the large percentage of scabby apples and undersized fruit in some districts gave evidence that spraying and thinning had been neglected by some of the growers. The man who pursues this course during the coming season need not expect to make much out of his orchard under such conditions as now obtain. The grower who can produce the biggest percentage of number one fruit will be the man who will be best able to meet the difficulties of an overloaded market next fall. The man who neglects his spraying and thinning will not be likely to wear a smile when the shipping season commences.

RECOGNITION FOR CANADA.

The United States will follow Canada's system of supervising enemy aliens and of internment those who give trouble. The English newspaper which the largest circulation congratulates Canada on her treatment of her soldiers and urges Great Britain and the rest of the Empire to follow her excellent example. Except amongst Opposition politicians and journals in this country, this peace-loving Dominion is widely admired for what has been achieved under the Borden Government's leadership.

For months past American statesmen and newspapers have used superlative terms in expressing appreciation of what Canada has accomplished in the struggle for human liberty. The Boston Herald says:

"Canada has found itself in the past two years and a half. It has been through the fire of a test such as few dependencies have ever had to face, and it is coming out of the fire not only welded closer to the British Empire, but of empire strength itself. It has set an example and has had experiences that are very likely to prove of much value to us on this side of the border in the months ahead. Remember that to do things on the scale that Canada has been doing them since the summer of 1914, the United States would raise and train and equip an army of 5,000,000 men in a little over two years, and ship 4,000,000 of them across the Atlantic. It would raise and spend no less than \$12,000,000,000 for war purposes. Yet when the warcloud burst over the world, Canada was fully as unprepared as we have been. Its army, which has grown to 400,000 soldiers, was smaller than the militia of Massachusetts, and its resources and industries, now splendidly mobilized and efficiently organized for the great work in hand, were on the most peaceful kind of a peace basis. Small wonder that our patriotic gatherings listen with much respect and with deep interest to Canadian speakers. One thing is certain, the Canada of the future is not to be looked on with anything resembling the superior air that we have habitually assumed on this side of the border."

It is left to a few politicians and newspapers in Canada to misrepresent and belittle every action of the Government and every one of the many successful steps taken for the effective prosecution of the war. A cooler time is coming, when this country's remarkable performance

in the conflict will be as highly regarded by the whole body of Canadians as they are today by disinterested outsiders, who have no party interests to serve by minimizing the Dominion's efforts.

TAXATION OF PROFITS.

The increased taxation on excess business profits now imposed by Sir Thomas White will meet with general approval. The 25 per cent. tax on profits over seven per cent. in the case of companies and over 10 per cent. in the case of firms and individuals yielded \$12,500,000 for the past fiscal year and will yield \$20,000,000 this year. The national treasury will now take 50 per cent. of the profits over 20 per cent. The net result will be an immense addition to the public revenue for war purposes, says the Toronto News.

It was so difficult to get munition making started in this young country, that the industry would have been strangled at birth by such taxation as can now be safely imposed. British authorities now feel that the war could have been won sooner and at less cost if the Allies had devoted their attention from the first to securing an abundance of munitions with which to overwhelm the enemy regardless of cost or profits. If that policy had been pursued the Allies might not have been confronted as late as June, 1915, with such a German preponderance of materials that the "big drive" had to be delayed for well on to two years.

The munition industry is now producing at full capacity in Canada as in all countries. Hence largely the success at Vimy Ridge and the impressive advance of the British and French armies against the Hindenburg defences. The time has therefore come when a greater proportion of profits can be seized by the Government without the risk of checking production of shells needed to protect the lives of our men and press the campaign for a victorious peace without unnecessary sacrifices.

All the Minister's war taxes have made better returns than he predicted. The success of his policy has enabled him, after paying heavy interest and pension charges, to meet \$60,000,000 of the year's war expenditures out of current income. The national revenue from all sources aggregates \$232,000,000, by far the largest sum in the history of the country, and with the new war profits tax a much larger income may safely be predicted for the new year just begun. As the national debt is now \$900,000,000, and will be \$1,200,000,000 by March 31st, 1918, it is surely the part of wisdom to stimulate revenue as far as that is possible without crippling industry.

It is a fortunate thing for the Dominion that it has had at the Treasury since the war began a man of Sir Thomas White's financial capacity and wide experience. Familiar with large financial problems and at home in the world of national and international credit, he has been able to conduct the country's business affairs through the stormiest of times with steadiness and growing strength. Accustomed to borrow \$300,000,000 a year in London, we have loaned the Imperial Government \$275,000,000, and despite a serious war debt Canada's credit stands higher today in the world's markets than ever before. Under the leadership of Sir Robert Borden and Sir Thomas White, we have shown ourselves to be possessed of unsuspected resources and resourcefulness.

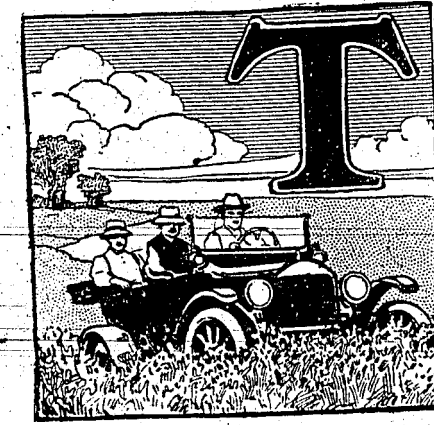
SOLDIERS' PENSIONS.

The original pension scheme for Canadian soldiers has been once revised. In the opinion of the Toronto News the amounts paid are still too small and a further increase will be necessary. While we would not like to see Canada following the United States' example by establishing a pension system involving life annuities for all soldiers who served in the war, whether they are sick or well, rich or poor, we consider that the News is on firm ground when it holds that a disabled soldier should have an allowance adequate for his support, and that the widow of a working man who died in the war should be able to live as well as when her husband was alive.

There is one feature of the pension system which needs reconsideration, points out the Vancouver News-Advertiser. Officers in the Canadian overseas forces are paid more than non-commissioned officers, and these are paid more than privates. That is fair enough, for they are obliged to spend more. But this reason does not apply to pensions, and especially to pensions paid to widows and children. Officers and privates are drawn from the same class of people at home. They have left the same occupations. They may have earned the same money and lived in the same scale at home. They may have been in the same class or the same university. They may be brothers or their wives may be sisters. Why should there be a distinction between the pensions paid to them or to their wives?

Often one is an officer and the other a private because the private volunteered at once and the other waited and negotiated for a commission. This can hardly be considered a proof of superior merit in the officer. Many private soldiers and non-commissioned officers have certificates showing that they have

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We wish to express our sincere sense of appreciation of the many warm and very comforting expressions regarding the devoted Christian life and the heroic sacrifice of our son, R. A. Geer, so nobly made on the battle fields of France, for his friends, his country and his God.

56-1 A. GEER AND FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. John Sadler, of Oxyana, wishes to thank her friends for sympathy and kindness shown her in her recent bereavement in the death of her husband at the front.

COMING EVENTS

Notices relating to future events of a revenue-producing nature, whether by admission charge, collection or sale of goods, 2 cents per word; minimum charge 10 cents. Notice of Churches, Societies, Clubs or other organizations where no revenue is derived, 1 cent per word; minimum charge 25 cents.

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FRIDAY—20c.
"THE WARNING"

A truly wonderful picture. Its big scenes and vivid story hold one from start to finish. Superb acting, a thrilling story and an unexpected finish all help to make this an extraordinary feature.

SATURDAY—15c.
"THE HOUSE OF THE GOLDEN WINDOWS"
CLEO RIDLEY and WALLACE REID

A 5-act Paramount Dream picture.

MONDAY
"The Iron Claw" and Other Pathe Features

TUESDAY—15c.
"JANE"

A 5-act Morosco comedy that will please.

WEDNESDAY—15c—BLUE BIRD
"BLACK ORCHIDS" with CLEO MADISON

A French story of love and revenge.

COMING

May 26—Owen Moore in "Rolling Stones."
May 28—Mary Pickford in "Poor Little Peppina."
May 31—"September Morn," big musical comedy with 40 people.
June 1—"Intolerance," big orchestra, vocal choir, etc. Now in Vancouver for a run of two weeks.

VISIT BERRY'S NEW STATIONERY DEPARTMENT

TOWN AND DISTRICT

Dr. Inley, V. S., of Armstrong was in town on Monday.

W. R. Megaw left on Tuesday on a business visit to Vancouver.

H. Schneider of Armstrong was a visitor to the city this week.

Miss Wentworth of Okanagan Centre was among the visitors to the city last week.

W. H. Keary of Armstrong was among the visitors to the city this week.

Mrs. Palmer Fraser and child left yesterday on a visit to relatives at the coast.

John Bessette of Lumby returned last week from the coast where he spent the winter.

Miss Anderson of Rielswig returned home last week after spending several months in town.

The Rev. W. Vance left on Friday to attend the annual Methodist Conference at Vancouver.

Mrs. E. J. Watts and her little son Alfred returned on Friday from a visit to her old home at Brantford, Ontario.

Chas. Wilson of Kamloops, buyer for P. Burns & Co., made one of his periodical trips through the Okanagan this week.

Mrs. B. C. Freeman of Armstrong returned home on Monday after spending a few days here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Reynolds.

The Major Muttie Chapter of the O. D. E. through the kindness of the Vimy Ridge Chapter will hold a sale of flowers in the tent, Polson's Park, on May 24th.

Silva Pader of Armstrong, who states that he has an infallible method of curing cancer and who is possessed of many testimonials regarding the efficacy of his remedy, was in town on Monday.

The executive of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association held a meeting here last Friday, which was attended by President Barnes, R. M. Palmer, R. M. Winslow and the local members of the executive.

Chief Justice Hunter, who is presiding at the assizes here this week, and A. D. MacIntyre of Kamloops, who is acting as crown prosecutor, arrived in town on Sunday, having motored over from Kamloops.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cryderman and family left on Monday for Saskatchewan where Mr. Cryderman will probably engage in farming. A number of friends assembled at the station to see them off and wish them all manner of success in their new home.

The Major Muttie Chapter of the O. D. E. children of the Empire have sent away 150 scrap books to Lord Derby War Hospital, England, to be distributed among B. C. soldiers; also 20 pairs of socks to Major Johnson of the 2nd C. M. R. to be given to Vernon boys.

At a meeting held on Monday night of the Vernon Independent Company of Reserve Militia, the members present decided that owing to slackness in attendance it is advisable to discontinue the weekly drills at present, and they will accordingly be dropped until the first Monday in October.

E. Birnie of Calgary was in town last Saturday.

H. J. Blorton of Mara spent a few days in town this week.

V. L. E. Miller of Trinity Valley was a visitor to the city last week.

W. H. Irvine of Oyma has been gazetted as a Justice of the Peace.

W. H. D. Ladner returned on Thursday from a business visit to Vancouver.

J. Goldie of the Rainbow Ranch, Okanagan Centre, was in town on Monday.

R. M. Winslow, provincial horticulturist, spent a couple of days in town last week.

Lieut. Hewetson of the overseas draft of the 30th B. C. Horse returned on Saturday from Victoria where he had taken a course in the bombing classes.

R. G. Clarke, chief Dominion fruit inspector for B. C. left for the coast on Saturday after making a trip through the Okanagan.

G. Adams, manager of the W. R. Megaw Co., Ltd., made a brief business trip to Vancouver last week, returning by Saturday's train.

Miss Leah A. Ker, a Methodist missionary to China, who is home on furlough, has been the guest during the week of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pound.

R. M. Palmer, a former deputy minister of agriculture of this province, was here last week attending a meeting of the executive of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association.

Mrs. J. Coals received word last week from her husband, Lieut. Coals, giving a vivid description of the famous Canadian charge at Vimy Ridge through which he came without injury.

The Vimy Ridge Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire will serve tea and other refreshments at the sports in the park on the 24th and the Major Muttie Chapter will be purveyors of flowers on that occasion.

The 30th B. C. Horse are making preparations which give promise of an excellent programme of sports for the celebration, which the regiment will hold on the 24th of May. Attention is called to an advertisement in this issue giving particulars of this event.

Next Sunday, owing to the absence at the Methodist conference in Vancouver of the Rev. W. Vance, unless services of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations will be held. In the morning the service will be in the Presbyterian church and in the evening it will be held in the Methodist church. The Rev. C. G. Main will preach both morning and evening.

The Hood Stationery Company have recently secured the local agency for the wonderful Edison disc phonograph, a remarkable advancement in machines of this kind in which the inventive genius of Thomas Alva Edison has worked out a new idea in connection with what may be termed absolute perfection in the reproduction of music by means of the phonograph. The Hood Company has completed arrangements whereby they are licensed to sell this wonderful instrument and records of music in this city and district and to afford an opportunity of attending demonstrations of this disc music reproduction at the annex of the Hood Stationery Store, where they may hear "The phonograph with a soul."

W. F. Kennedy returned on Saturday from a trip to the coast.

Geo. McCurdy of Kelowna is attending the assizes here this week.

Mrs. E. Harris returned on Monday from a visit to the coast cities.

Mrs. J. W. Hayward left on Saturday on a visit to friends at Winnipeg.

A. Austin of the Royal Hotel left for the coast by Saturday's train.

J. L. Pridham of Kelowna came up from the coast by Thursday's train.

Sheriff Wood of Kamloops is here this week in attendance at the assizes.

Dan Gallagher, an old timer of the Kelowna district, is here this week as a juror at the assizes.

A. E. Stuart, left on Monday for Greenwood where he has secured a position in the road department.

Father Lejeune, the well-known Catholic missionary to the Indians at Kamloops, was in town last Friday.

Mrs. D. A. McBride left on Saturday to spend a couple of months on a visit to Toronto and other eastern cities.

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Amey will read a paper on "Patriotism and the Prevention of Waste."

The Vernon Red Cross Society acknowledged with grateful thanks the sum of \$32.40 per Mr. J. A. Gleed, the result of an entertainment by the children of Okanagan Centre.

His Lordship the Bishop of Kootenay and Mrs. Doull left on Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church for this diocese, which is being held at Nelson this week.

Garfield Mohr of Enderby has received the appointment of assistant fire warden for this district and came to town this week to assume the duties of his new position under J. McCuskey, chief fire-ranger.

Attention is called to the notice in this issue regarding the strict enforcement of the pound-by-law. It is none too soon that a stop be put to horses and animals running at large, as a good deal of annoyance has been caused in this way of late.

The committee of the Vimy Ridge Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire in charge of the junk collection wish to again remind the people who have junk to dispose of to kindly leave same in bundles out at the front of their residence where same can be easily and quickly collected. This will be called for today.

Mrs. C. Rendell of this city received word last week that her nephew, Major Alex Jackson of the Royal Canadian Engineers, had been killed in action on April 27th. He was the only son of Mrs. John Jackson of St. Johns, Newfoundland, and was 24 years of age. At the time he obtained his rank as major he was said to be the youngest major in the Imperial Army.

An excellent programme which elicited heavy response from an audience of fair size was given at the concert held by the Girls' Club last Friday night at the Empress. The attendance might have been larger but for the fact that the convention of railway men were met by the Board of Trade that evening, and held the attention of many who would have been glad to patronize the concert.

R. L. Lowe, C. P. R. Commission Agent at Sicamous, was in town on Friday. The kiosk at Sicamous which Mr. Lowe had constructed a couple of years ago and which is still in his charge is one of the best of the kind on the C. P. R. and affords a splendid opportunity of exhibiting to travellers specimens of Okanagan fruit and produce. Possibly Vernon will be better represented in the display this summer than it is at present.

Mr. and Mrs. McLennan and son left on Tuesday for Seattle after spending a couple of weeks here. Mr. McLennan has been a large farm and stock raiser in Washington and California, and was here to look over the "Postill Ranch" on the Ellison estate with a view of purchase. Negotiations did not reach a conclusion, however, as a price mutually satisfactory could not be agreed upon. Mr. McLennan is greatly impressed with the Okanagan which he considers one of the finest districts he has ever visited and may return here at an early date.

The following paragraph from a Victoria paper will be of interest to many Vernon readers as Mr. Watson was organist in All Saints Church here before moving to the coast a couple of years ago. "The degree of Doctor of Music has been conferred on J. E. Watson, organist and choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral. Dr. Watson has lived in Victoria for the last two years during which time he has composed several extended musical works, including an oratorio, "Life" (for full orchestra) and a Requiem Mass for eight-part chorus and orchestra. The degree was conferred at the convocation recently held at McGill University, Montreal. Dr. Watson came here from Vernon."

The editor of the News is in receipt of a letter from Sergt. T. B. Tongue ("Happy") of this city, in which he explains that the name of his wife died of wounds some time ago causing misapprehension and confusion as to his identity was Thomas Bridgeman Tongue. Sergt. Tongue writes in the best of spirits having recently come through the Vimy Ridge battle unscathed. His eldest brother, however, has just died of wounds. He concludes his letter by saying: "I am glad to say that I am keeping fit and full of determination to return to Canada, after we have finally finished 'Fritz'. Without doubt we are now his superiors in every way, shape and form, and if you could only see the quantities of ammunition, guns of all sizes, and the spirit of cheerful confidence in the men it would do your heart good."

A fair audience appeared in the Presbyterian church on Thursday, May 10th, to hear Rev. A. E. Cooke of First Congregational church, Vancouver, read the address of the joint authors of the famous pamphlet, "The Crisis." Mr. Cooke's address was announced as "The Empire's Flag and the Soldiers' Vote." It consisted in a forceful presentation of the evidence in the hands of prohibitionists alleging irregularities in the recent vote. During the recent referendum, most of the substance of his address is already well known to readers of the press, although considerable new matter was revealed in the form of letters from soldiers at the front, and a resolution was passed unanimously urging the government to examine the evidence on hand, being a copy of the official evidence in the investigation in London, since the official matter had been unduly withheld for some reason. It was also urged upon the government that if it were to do so, it should do so with a view to establishing the irregularities beyond reasonable doubt it bring in legislation at once to inaugurate prohibition on July 1st. Mr. A. T. Howe presided as chairman.

A Big Special Purchase and Sale of 120 Pairs of Men's \$5.50 and \$6.00 Shoes at \$4.50 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Making this offer in the face of extraordinary wholesale price increases, every man should profit by this offer.



We concentrated our efforts on these few lines of Men's Shoes with the intention of giving our customers what will probably be a final bargain in Men's Shoes. Very reluctantly we have to announce still greater price increases in the wholesale price of shoes. Footwear of all kinds is higher today than ever known. Our shoe manager states that the sale price of these Shoes for Men is actually lower than today's factory price on these same lines.

We have no wish to stampede anyone to buy more shoes than they need, but any man who buys shoes ahead of requirements Friday and Saturday will be a saver. You can't go wrong in investing in one or two pairs.

These are good sensible shapes, and easy fitters, in Men's Box Calf Bluchers, one line with the new advertised sole; also a good line of Tan Calf Boots and a few Tan Oxfords; practically every size is represented. Last season's prices were \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00. **\$4.50**
On Sale Friday and Saturday

Best Selection of Old Time Values in Men's Cashmere Hose in Vernon at 35c, 50c and 65c Per Pair

Most of them bought two years ago—pretty heavy buying for any store in Vernon, but justified by today's high prices—such well known makes as Penman's, St. Margaret's, Dr. Jaeger's in black and tan, also in the natural undyed cashmere. Three great values at, per pair..... **35c, 50c and 65c**

OF INTEREST TO MOTHERS

Who Have Little Tots 1 to 4 years to Dress—A 50c Sale Friday & Saturday

And mothers will be here, sure, for these little dresses that are reduced for Friday and Saturday. Dresses for little girls, Rompers and Oliver Twist Suits for little boys, all made of real Japanese crepe, a strong, sturdy cloth that requires no ironing and does not shrink like the American crepe; all good washing colors. See our window display and remember this very Special Price for Friday and Saturday only. **50c**
Per garment

The Niagara Silk Gloves For Women

New Silk Gloves for spring and summer, the "Niagara Maid" quality in white and black and all best colors; made of finest silk with double tips; two dome fasteners. **75c and \$1.00**
Prices, per pair

Special for Boys

Summer Combinations—A fine grade of Cotton, Balbriggan and Porous Knit Combinations; short sleeve, knee length; sizes 22 to 32. **75c**
Per garment

Special for Boys

Heavy ribbed Cotton Hose—a two thread fast black; elastic knit, soft finish; a hose that will wear like leather and worth a good deal more today. **35c**
Per pair

Hammering Away At Our Furniture Stock—It Must Be Cleared Out

Special Cash Discounts on all Furniture. Some of the bargains we are offering are surely big inducements to the householders wishing to finish up their homes.

We have a nice selection of Rattan Rockers and Chairs that are ideal for the summer rooms.

Window Blinds and Curtain Rods—Have your windows look neat and trim, as most people judge the inside of your home by the tasteful arrangements of your windows.

Our big cut price Wall Paper Sale is still in full blast. Take advantage of it before it is too late.

For Sunday Dinner—Fresh Hot House Lettuce, Cucumbers and Strawberries.

Good Specials in the Grocery Dept. This Week

Oranges are at their very best now and this healthful fruit should be eaten more extensively than it is. The reason for this no doubt is due to the prevailing idea that prices are prohibitive. Few know that oranges contain much food value (three oranges a day will keep body and soul together) and are prescribed by physicians to the smallest child. Eat oranges while you can buy them cheap—**18 for 25c**.

18 Sunkish Navel Oranges, Friday and Saturday only, for. **25c**

Good old Cheese at, per lb. **28c**

If you like the nippy kind this will suit you.

Cooking Apples, all sound, at per box. **75c**

Jams and Jellies in Wagstaffe and Sunshine Brands.

Regular 90c and \$1.00 for. **75c**

Laird Chicken Soup, Reg. 35c for. **15c**

Baked Beans, Reg. 20c for. **15c**

Prunes, Reg. 15c, 2 lbs. for. **25c**

Pure Gold Icing, Reg. 15c, 2 lbs. for. **25c**

Norwegian Sardines, Reg. 15c, 2 for. **25c**

W. R. MEGAW, LIMITED

Miss Hazel Jacques left last week on a visit to friends at Kamloops.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Cryderman returned on Saturday from a visit to the coast cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Coll McDonald of Rolla's Lake were visitors to the city on Monday.

Geo. Woods of the Okanagan Grocery is attending the Methodist Conference at Vancouver as a lay delegate.

Heavy rains during the past week have saddened the hearts of the farmers and have gone a long way towards insuring good crops for this season.

Mrs. Wilson of Wood Lake is in town this week and is the guest of Mrs. W. Bruce of Pleasant Valley Road.

Jas. McQuarrie of Landsdowne, an old resident of the Comox Valley district, is in town this week as a juror in connection with the assizes.

The Vernon Girls' Club takes this opportunity of thanking all those who so generously assisted in making the concert of last Friday evening a success. To those who contributed to the program, gave flowers, donated home-made candy, or helped in any way, the Club would like to express great appreciation of the kindness done.

Lieut. Thorne of the 30th B. C. Horse has received news of the death of his brother Lieut.-Col. F. M. Thorne of the Royal North Lancshires. He was killed in action while serving in Mesopotamia.

It will be of interest to our readers to know that Lieut.-Col. Bott who left here in command of the 2nd C. M. R. has been appointed officer commanding the 16th Canadian Reserve Battalion at Seaford, England.

A movement is on foot to hold a gala day in Vernon on Dominion Day, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital.

A committee with Mayor Shaffar at the head has now the matter in charge, and several hundred dollars towards the hospital fund have already been subscribed. Further announcements will be made in subsequent issues of the News.

A very special attraction is billed for the Empress today when Billy Burke will appear in a delightful role as "Peggy." This is a splendid Tri-angule production and is one of the best films put out by this company.

On Friday another genuine film master-piece will be "The Warning" of which the Moving Picture World says: "This picture is positively wonderful. Its big scenes and vivid story hold one to the

last fade-out." On Saturday a Lasky production, "The House with the Golden Windows" featuring those well-known film favorites, Cleo Ridgely and Wallace Reid will be presented. On Monday there will be a continuation of the "Iron Claw" and on Tuesday a most laughable comedy, "Jane" with Charlotte Greenwood in the leading role will be presented. On Wednesday a fine blue bird picture, "The Black Bird" with Alice Brady as the heroine will be the attraction and will finish a fitting conclusion to a splendid week's programme.

Redemptorist missionaries will conduct missions throughout the Okanagan during the next few weeks, and commencing Sunday, May 27th, Rev. Jos. O'Reilly will be in St. James Catholic church, Vernon, for one week.

There will be sermons morning and evening on Catholic doctrine, and the series of services and instructions should prove interesting and beneficial. During the following week the services will be in Lumby and Armstrong. Strangers will be welcome at all services.

The death occurred in the Vernon Jubilee Hospital on Saturday night of William Ryan who had been a patient at the hospital for several weeks. Mr. Ryan had lived for about twelve years

in this city, and at one time was night watchman at the S. C. Smith cash and

door factory and contractor of flour mill. He was an old miner and prospector, having left his home in Goderich, Ontario, some forty years ago, and followed mining in California and other western states before coming to this province. He was unmarried and had no relatives in British Columbia. Although not known to a very large circle of acquaintances owing to his quiet life and retiring disposition, Mr. Ryan was held in very high esteem by his friends, and possessed many admirable qualities of character which won for him the respect and regard of those who knew him well. He was an honest, upright and kindly man, and a good type of the sturdy pioneers who bore the burden of opening up the west in days when hardship and toil were incidental to the life of the first settlers. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning, the services being conducted by the Rev. C. O. Main.

Films developed at Whelan's Studio.

Charlie—"When I was a boy, you know, the doctor said if I didn't stop smoking cigarettes I would become feeble-minded."

Miss Keen—"And why didn't you stop?"



MERCHANTS in the smaller towns and cities frequently say of business conditions that "there is nothing doing" and that "it would be a waste of money to advertise." They complain that their particular businesses could not be improved by publicity. The following expression of opinion, made recently by the manager of one of the large Mail Order concerns speaks for itself:

"We have a bureau whose duty it is to read the country papers. There is not a paper of any consequence in our territory we do not get. The bureau looks over these papers and when we find a town where the merchants do not advertise in their local papers, or where advertisers do not change their advertisements regularly, we immediately flood that section with literature. It always brings results far in excess of the same effort put forth in territory where the local merchants use the local papers."

No doubt if a tally were kept of the amount of money sent to these Mail Order stores from day to day it would show that there is indeed a lot of money being spent; but it is going to those firms who make a bid for the business—those firms who know the value of advertising, and who do not hesitate to spend one dollar to get five.

Local Firms Have a Big Advantage

They can appeal to the people very forcibly in many respects. They can point out numerous advantages in buying at home, where the public can examine the goods, and where they do not have to wait a couple of weeks to get them. But such a large proportion of business houses fail to do this. They sit in despair while the Mail Order houses do a rushing business and gather in the CASH.

USE THE LOGICAL MEDIUM The Vernon News

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

LUMBY

Next Thursday, "Victoria Day" the 24th of May is a Dominion holiday. Word was received from Ottawa last week that Sergeant W. J. Brett is now convalescent and that further particulars will be forwarded when received. Presbyterian services for Sunday, May 20th will be as follows: Lumby, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; service, 11 a.m.; Lavington service, 2:30 p.m. The Rev. H. Laycock of Vernon accompanied by a party of friends visited through Lumby to Shuswap Falls on Tuesday last week. Miss S. Anderson of Kelowna returned home last week from Vernon, where she had been for the last five months; her father who spent the week end in town returned with her also. W. Scott Allen of Vernon visited Lumby last week. Then shall interleave the writings of my fellow-men! Mr. Barber of Salmon Arm was in Lumby on Wednesday last week. Geo. H. Hobb, manager of the Okanagan Telephone Co., was here looking over the system last week. George Anderson of Swan Lake, accompanied by a number of friends from Kamloops and Vernon motored to Lumby yesterday week.

FELT LIKE A NEW PERSON

After Taking Only One Box Of "Fruit-a-tives"

EAST SHIP HARBOR, N. S.
"It is with great pleasure that I write to tell you of the wonderful benefits I have received from taking 'Fruit-a-tives'. For years, I was a dreadful sufferer from Constipation and Headaches, and I was miserable in every way. Nothing in the way of medicines seemed to help me. Then I finally tried 'Fruit-a-tives' and the effect was splendid. After taking one box, I feel like a new person, to have relief from those sickening Headaches."

Mrs. MARTHA DEWOLFE.
50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

The tea were five dollars and ten cents and another five from the sale of Red Cross brooches.

The drawing for the centrepiece donated to the Red Cross by Miss Rose Alma Quenel will take place at her home on Saturday the 19th inst. at 3 o'clock.

Contributions to the Y. M. C. A. of recent date are Summerland, \$26.25; Peachland, \$14.60.

Dr. J. P. McIntyre has visiting him his sister, Mrs. J. P. Anderson of Winnipeg.

Pte. Frank Hayward is now in England in a convalescent home.

Rev. A. Henderson left Saturday morning for Victoria where he will attend the Methodist conference next week.

Miss Gertrude Elsey is home again after a short visit with her sister in Vancouver.

Mrs. Shaw joined her husband here last week coming in from Victoria.

Mrs. A. L. Moreland and children are leaving this week for Vancouver where they will visit with Mrs. Wellband, a sister of Mrs. Moreland. From there they will go direct to Hamilton, Ontario, to join Mr. Moreland.

The services in the church on Sunday evening were conducted by Rev. E. Russell of Peterboro, Ontario. He has been in Summerland for the past week, looking up old friends.

The home of Mrs. R. C. Lipsett was the scene of a farewell tea last Saturday afternoon, given in honor of Mrs. A. L. Moreland. Between twenty and thirty guests were invited and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Mrs. Moreland will be greatly missed by her hosts of friends in Summerland.

The horse which Mrs. A. Moyes had been driving, bolted when she started to tie it up in front of the Fraser home last Saturday, knocking her down, and pulling the buggy wheels over her. Fortunately Mrs. Moyes escaped with a few bruises. She was frightened at the rattle of the water-proof coat Mrs. Moyes was wearing.

Mr. Rand came in last Monday from a visit to Quebec. His home is in Garnett Valley.

Mr. C. H. Cordy visited in Summerland last week coming down from Kelowna.

Mr. J. Gartrell went to Oroville Friday morning for an X-ray examination. He was accompanied by his son, Fred Gartrell and Councillor Johnston.

Mrs. Cottrell and Mrs. Lorimer accompanied Mrs. Limmer to Penticton last Thursday to spend a few days with Mrs. C. Chittenden. Mrs. Cottrell's granddaughter.

A special meeting of the downtown Baptists was held last week and it was decided to join with the Methodist and Presbyterian for Sunday services. The services will be held in the Parkdale Baptist church.

Rev. A. Henderson spent Wednesday in Kelowna.

After residing in Summerland for only six weeks, Miss Minnie McKenzie of Pictou, Nova Scotia, died last Saturday. Miss McKenzie came here for her health, and was accompanied by her mother. They lived in J. H. Tate's cottage on College Hill. The funeral was held at the house Tuesday morning, Rev. Henderson, assisted by Rev. A. Russell, conducting the services. Interment was made in the Penticton cemetery. Miss McKenzie left behind her mother, two sisters, one residing in Nova Scotia and one in Maine, and a brother who lives in Seattle.

Mr. T. G. Davis who has been with the Summerland Supply Co. for several years has resigned and is now connected with the Summerland Fruit Union. Davis has been appointed secretary and accountant.

Dr. E. W. Sawyer, who is now in Edmonton, visiting his daughter, Mrs. Armstrong, has accepted a position on the teaching staff of the Baptist College in Woodstock, Ont. He is a member of the school board here but has sent in his resignation. Dr. Sawyer is expected in any time to meet his son Edmund who has just returned from Central America.

Another fire, and the third within a short time, reduced the home of A. A. Derrick to a pile of ashes last Monday afternoon. The loss, although the house had been recently vacated, was estimated at \$10,000. Mr. Derrick had been getting his incubators in the basement of the building, and had nearly 200 little chicks just out of one, with another one due to hatch in a day or so. The lamp in the brooder was turned too high and blazed up and set fire to the place. No insurance was carried.

It is at last settled that Summerland is not to have daylight saving this summer although the petition sent in to the council was signed by 170 ratepayers and 72 neighbors. The plan was put to vote at a meeting with the result of a tie. The council was asked to cast the deciding vote and he voted against it, causing the defeat of the petition.

Mrs. C. C. Chittenden returned to Summerland by motor Sunday to spend the rest of the month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Limmer.

LAVINGTON

The weather is more of a la mode than it was though there is perhaps a super abundance of moisture. The rains are bigger than they have been for years. The frogs make the nights noisy with their croakings. The Americans say that the bull-frogs croak "more rum" and the lady frogs reply "cider too" which words, if repeated quickly somewhat resemble the chorus that reaches one's ears from the swamps. The rains and warmth are making alfalfa look flourishing and what spring sowings of wheat and oats we have seen look healthy. There is a good promise of blossom in the orchards. A lot of alfalfa has been killed out. A friend of ours showed us strops three-year-old roots which had fallen a victim to swarms of minute whiteish maggot-like creatures which had eaten into the vitals of the plant. Last year he tells us that alfalfa did not have a chance to grow at all. He wished to see a healthier and more vigorous crop of alfalfa, yet when the snow went its appearance had changed and one could pull out handfuls of dead and dying plants infested with these parasites. The plant pathologist in Vernon was able to make a correct inspection to identify them, but we hope to learn shortly. They seemed to us akin in method of livelihood to resemble the cabbage butterfly maggot. The depredations of this unknown guest have cost our friend the loss of three acres of alfalfa. He is now busy with the labour of ploughing it in and putting the land in grain.

The lantern lecture which was given at the school by Mr. Ramsay on the 9th inst. proved a great success. The series of vivid and impressive incidents connected with the present war which were depicted with great clearness on the screen in over 70 slides were received by the audience with every sign of intense interest and appreciation. The gratifying sum of \$16.50 was received at the door but as further contributions have been received since we hope to be able to announce a considerable increase later.

We heard recently from Capt. G. T. Whittier, who was, when he wrote, in upper Egypt about 400 miles from the coast. As in a military sense the work was practically completed he was hoping to be moved to the other front. He enclosed several snapshots, one of which showed the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx. Another is of himself which goes to prove that with all his campaigning his shadow can be no less.

Several of the farmers have been branding cattle during the last week or two, before turning them out on the range. W. T. McEachern branded a fine band of calves Monday.

Miss Edith Kneller was very ill last week, but is now recovering.

A particularly bad form of epilepsy has been going round the valley the last few weeks and there are still a few people suffering from it.

G. Willett, who bought fifty acres of the old Bert Morgan ranch, is having it cleaned up in record time. He has a number of men employed clearing land and the whole of the place will soon be fit to crop.

Miss Elliott from Kelowna arrived at Nahun last Saturday to spend a few days in the hills.

Troopers M. B. Ellis and A. M. B. Stocks came down unexpectedly on Friday for their final leave before going overseas, the latter staying one night in Kelowna, and both returning to the camp the following Tuesday.

Mrs. Miss Somerset visited Mrs. Brixton and Mr. Redsell last Sunday.

Corporal J. Powell left on the 10th inst. with the Forestry Battalion. Mrs. Powell with her little son arrived here on Monday to stay at her lake-shore residence.

Those visiting Vernon on Tuesday were Mrs. Brixton, Mrs. and Miss Somerset, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stocks and Miss Stocks.

We hear that Private McNair is back again at the front.

CAESAR AND KAISER

The Blight of the Ages—History Repeats Itself.

(By A. G. Hales.)

Nothing is so misleading as ignorance. Our self-anointed public men are in many essential respects woefully ill-informed; they know little of life or people outside the neighborhood in which they were born and reared, or which they seldom have the capacity to digest the scanty knowledge that has come their way. To most of our politicians, German history commenced somewhere about the period of the last Franco-Prussian War—1870-1—or that at best the history of Germany dated no further back than the Napoleonic era, and they seem to consider themselves deep students of Germanic records when they prove themselves familiar with the fact that the great Germanic once planted his standards in the German plain. The talk is vague, of a prior period when Frederick the Great cursed mankind with his blighting presence on this planet, much as William the Hohenzollern is doing today. Anything earlier than that relative to Germany is to be readily ill-equipped. The Germanic people, the Julius-conjuncture—had it been otherwise, the course of the present war, and even its beginning would have been very different. I am sadly afraid few of our political or military people study history. Yet history is the cradle and the nursery of wisdom; for history eternally repeats itself and he who knows what a certain race of people have done in the past, is in a position to judge, or at least to form a fairly accurate estimate of, what that same people will do again under somewhat similar circumstances. The is always an excuse for the man-in-the-street, he is too hard-driven getting his daily bread to devote time to the study of historic problems. There is, however, no real excuse for the person

who poses as a leader and a thinker, if he does not make a study of the history of the various nations, and so equip himself to lead his own people peaceably to be, he is merely a charlatan.

Things Caesar Found Out.

Caesar, whose reputation for profound military skill and statesmanlike sagacity has endured for over two thousand years, knew more about the Germans, even in that far-off day, than any British statesman knew in 1914; for he fought them again and again before he ever invaded Britain. And what Caesar learnt concerning the Germans, by practical experience both on the battlefields and in the arena of diplomacy, he left to posterity—to us in the form of written memoirs so lucid and simple that even a twentieth-century Parliamentarian could understand, provided he were not too stupid or too egotistic to read and learn. As a matter of fact, the simplicity and directness of Caesar's literary style could scarcely be equalled, certainly not improved upon, by any war correspondent of this country. The great Roman left his lessons to us; the pity is that so few men trouble to learn them. Napoleon was one of the few men who did; he studied until he knew Caesar's campaigns backwards, and his advice to all politicians and soldiers is to read the "Commentaries." Then, even if born a genius, you will add to your brilliance—even diamonds can be polished. The mighty Roman who conquered the world leaves it upon record that the German is restless, turbulent, ambitious of conquest and dominion; a brutal master and a false friend; a ravisher of women, a plunderer, a savage, lawless, lustful, inhuman devil—who shows no mercy to the weak and keeps faith only with the strong—who are strong enough to make him repent broken pledges, and dishonest treaties. Where did Caesar learn all this? He fought murdering hordes of them on the Aisne, on the Marne and on the Rhine, and in Germany itself across the Rhine. Those names sound strangely familiar to us—for where Caesar fought, our troops in this war have fought, excepting on the Rhine; that is to come a little later.

"Peace, Karamade, Peace!"

We have heard the peace cry from the Germans. So did Caesar, nearly every time he had them in a tight place, and each time he gave them peace they used it to get ready to attack him when they thought they had him at a disadvantage—just as they will use it to attack us when circumstances and opportunity meet, unless we crush their power for ever. Their history condemns them for what they are—a race of nation-crushers. As they did to the women of Belgium in 1914, so they did to the women of Belgium when they had them in their power before Christ was crucified at Jerusalem—I mention this to drive home the quality of their cruelties. As they were the are as they are, they will be until they are crushed out of existence—a race of spies, bullies, braves and ravishers, but grim fighters when their backs are to the wall; a race of robbers and looters, professing Christianity, they would steal the thorns from the crown of Christ to adorn a Kaiser's triumph!

Vain Boasting.

The Germans were always great boasters and loved to threaten terrible things, even as they do today. Caesar had occasion to deal with one great German chief, named Ariovistus, who had crossed the Rhine and turned the conquered territory into an earthly hell, as Belgium is at this hour, ill-using the women until they perished of disease, and enslaving the men. Caesar cut in upon this foul conduct, and the German haughtily replied, "The treatment of conquered peoples rested entirely with the conquerors." When Caesar disputed this and hinted at war with Rome, the German retorted that "No Roman general had ever met him on the field without going to seek him, in battle to learn the motto of the Germans, who had never tasted defeat and had been trained from infancy to arms, and for fourteen years had never slept beneath a roof." When Caesar had finished with this man and his host, they all slept beneath the soil; in one great battle, out of 60,000 Germans who went into the fray less than a thousand were left alive when the Roman pursuit ceased. Yes, Caesar knew how to handle Germans; I hope his leg does! Our position against Germany is reminiscent of the Roman attack on those barbarians. Our warrior chief, Lord Kitchener, threw a handful of Britons against these people for invading Belgium; Caesar went for the same purpose with only a few highly-disciplined legions—and the dauntless courage of both British and

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**WHEAT CROP WILL
 FALL SHORT**
 Official Estimates Placed at
 Smallest in Thirty
 Years.

Washington, May 12.—Official wheat
 crop estimates just announced show
 that with the world facing bread
 shortage the United States less it
 cuts its present consumption probably
 will produce only enough to supply
 its own needs.
 The forecast of the Department of
 Agriculture on May 11 put this country's
 wheat yield at 356,000,000 bushels, small-
 est in thirteen years. There will be
 no estimates of spring wheat until July,
 but with a crop of 300,000,000 bushels,
 the average for this country would be
 a year total of only 616,000,000 bushels.
 The normal American production
 with seed requirements is at
 slightly more than 600,000,000 bushels.
 The estimated production of wheat
 falls 116,000,000 bushels, or 16 per cent,
 below the normal crop. It is 1,000,000
 bushels less than the average of the
 preceding five years.
 Reserve stocks are said to be less
 than at any previous time in the
 country. The visible supply is 3,000,000
 bushels, but the country would have
 a year's supply of 6,000,000 bushels.
 The wheat stock over reported in the
 United States was 6,000,000 bushels on
 July 1, two years ago. When the
 estimate of the new crop begins to be
 it is estimated that the reserve will be
 even lower than that.

The Allied wheat requirement for
 the coming year are put at 4,000,000
 bushels as a minimum. The United
 States will be asked to supply more
 than half that amount. While the
 other parts of the world are not
 The Argentine crop, which is expected
 to be 2,000,000 bushels, will require the
 yield of Canada's production is expected
 to be 200,000,000 bushels, which is
 available for export.

In a statement accompanying the
 report today, the department said that
 although the crop condition is the best
 record, crop conditions other than
 favorable.

**GERMANY ISOLATING
 AMSTERDAM**
 Amsterdam, May 12.—Ex-
 cept themselves, and Sweden,
 Holland and Scandinavia, the
 world is now entirely isolated
 from all communication with the
 Berlin government. The
 "owing to impossibility of com-
 munication" mail service has been
 continued with Spain, Mexico,
 and Central and South America, but
 sea isolation on the Central
 nations.

CORRESPONDENCE
 IN REPLY TO MR. KERR AND MR.
 HURT.

To the Editor Vernon News.
 Sir,—My object in addressing an-
 other letter to you is not so much to
 reply to the last letter of Mr. Kerr—
 between whose views and mine there is
 not a very big gulf fixed in the
 fact that having in my former letter called
 for a man to stand up for whisky, and
 one having appeared in the shape of
 my friend Mr. Hurt—who in fact puts
 in a few words for all things that are
 not, but poisonous—it is up to me to
 give him a few lines as per agreement.

First I will comment briefly as pos-
 sible on Mr. Kerr's reply to me. He
 says that I am weaker than the early
 logical Puritan. Well, I admit the
 truth of the soft impeachment. If my
 forefathers were logical Puritans and
 were so far illogical as to marry some
 dashing daughter of the Royals, and
 if they were rolling in Royalties and
 got smitten by the demure graces of
 the Puritan maids, I can't help that.
 Accidents will happen even in the best
 regulated families.

History and our own experience has
 proved that a principle which is always
 carried to its logical conclusion. It is
 often the wisest method to steer a
 middle course, despite the dire penalty
 promised to middle-couriers in Rev.
 3:16. Mr. Kerr may call it weakness;
 so, then it is weakness born of ex-
 perience. But experience should have
 taught most people that in legislating
 for drink and the drink traffic no mid-
 dle course is possible. Two glasses of
 beer drunk quickly are sufficient to
 make some men drunk, while a quart
 of whisky will hardly disturb the equi-
 librium of others. The history of the
 drink traffic has proved that if you do
 not strangle it in its infancy it will
 strangle you.

Mr. Kerr believes in applying my
 principle to only a limited extent. So
 that's why I do not apply it to
 card-playing, theatre-going, and bill-
 iard-playing. Out of the many who
 enjoy either or all of these things,
 only an infinitesimal proportion take
 to gambling or are ruined solely by
 such enjoyment, but the same cannot
 be said in regard to liquor drinking.
 Gambling claims perhaps the largest
 number of victims resulting from an
 indulgence in these three other pleas-
 ures, and drink is the indirect cause
 of much of that; while Mark Twain dis-
 covered one type of man represented
 by Jim Smiley who would gamble on
 anything. This person would be glad
 to attend a camp meeting to gamble on
 Parson Walker as being the best ex-
 porter in those parts.

Mr. Kerr asks me the question: "How
 many people are ruining themselves
 by drinking beer?" I have never
 known a lawyer's client to ask a
 lawyer to answer to a straight question, so I will
 say, none, for the simple reason that I
 have not been in the habit of going
 around to see what particular brand
 my friends are ruining themselves on,
 or to check them up to see if they are
 with the same brand at all. However,
 I will qualify my negative
 answer by introducing evidence which
 may not be good in court but which
 will satisfy most people. I am in-
 formed by my drinking friends (not
 the one glass per hour or a glass of
 can get drunk on it, some on very
 little, others on more. If drunkenness
 is not a road to ruin, what is? If
 Mr. Kerr should claim that any par-
 ticular brand of beer is not intoxicat-
 ing, such a brand is not beer as the
 term is generally understood. It
 should be labelled "non-beer" or "near-
 tox" and sold as such. On the other
 hand if it is intoxicating in its effects
 it has a latent power for ruin.

Where I differ from Mr. Kerr is that
 I maintain it is not necessary to take
 even a glass of 5% beer or a glass of
 10% wine in order to promote a spirit
 of conviviality. It reminds me too
 much of the excuse the wife or friends
 of a drinker sometimes have to make
 when he is a little too convivial—"It's
 not 'im talking, it's the booze." He is
 a pretty poor spirited man who cannot
 be convivial without he has a few
 drinks in him. Moreover, my quarrel
 with the drink is that it is one of the
 biggest spoilsports in this world. If
 we consider all the misery it is re-
 sponsible for, both directly and in-
 directly, the little laughter and en-
 joyment it produces is overwhelmed by
 the tears and sobs that are seen and
 heard, not to mention those only
 known to intimate friends and relatives.
 To my mind this would be a far
 sadder world to live in if it were
 eating liquors were swept out of ex-
 istence altogether, and alcohol put in
 its proper place and labelled as a poison,
 only to be used in extreme medicinal
 cases or as an aid to science.

Now I will turn to Mr. Hurt who is a
 full dollar for the advantage of the
 continuance of the drink evil. In his
 very able discourse he speaks of him-
 self and other moderate drinkers as
 "we wine-bibblers, whisky-soakers,
 and beer-boozers." Well, I don't be-
 lieve he is of either of these classes
 yet, although he still has time to join
 them. "A horse with a halter is soon-
 est caught."

He intimates that alcoholic liquors
 justify their existence by the pleasure
 they give to millions, but he did not
 say anything as to what proportion of
 these millions are their dependents,
 and relatives, for whom the pleasure
 has been or will be eventually trans-
 lated into sorrow, poverty, crime, or lunacy.
 The last two can be fairly accurately
 gauged by statistics, and to a certain
 extent the amount of poverty can also
 be gauged by statistics. It is not hard
 to see where statistics are to be found
 how much sorrow is directly or in-
 directly attributable to liquor. Some-
 times the greater part of it is only
 known to the victims themselves or, as
 I have said, to their dependents, in-
 timate friends, or relatives. The only
 guide and it is on this I think I stand,
 is the fact that there are very
 few families that cannot show a his-
 tory, past and in the making, on both
 sides of the house and frequently in
 the house itself, of ruination through
 liquor. It is not a matter of cases
 many of their immediate relatives.

I will not take up at length the
 question of the other articles of man's
 daily use "which are of no food value,
 such as tea, coffee and tobacco, which
 are to a greater or less extent in-
 jurious, and other words, poisons, and
 they are so many red herrings drawn
 across the trail by Mr. Hurt. The evil
 results of using liquor so preponderate
 the evils caused by the use of the other
 articles named, that they cannot be
 mentioned in the same breath. In fact
 nothing but the use of what is com-
 monly known as "dope" can be put
 under the same classification with the
 evils of liquor drinking.

Neither will I waste much time over
 the assertion that the use of liquor is
 good for trade. One does not have to
 be a drunkard to ruin a business. The
 removal of the drink traffic will not
 cause money to be idle. Rather, it is
 being diverted to better uses, and the

fact of the eventual reduction of our
 police forces, the number of prisons
 and lunatic asylums, hangmen, doctors',
 bills, and charity, will have the effect
 of reducing taxation all round, and
 what taxes there may be will be better
 able to be met by everybody. I say
 eventually, as all the reductions
 will not be immediate, but legisla-
 tion is enacted with a view to ulti-
 mate results as well as the immediate.

I do not doubt the medicinal value
 in certain cases of alcoholic liquors, or
 that they may have been the means of
 saving the lives of prospectors. These
 two matters are not hard to regulate.
 If no other concentrated substitute can
 be devised to sustain the life of a pros-
 pector, he should be compelled before
 going prospecting to take out a permit
 to carry a flask, much in the same way
 as you have to get a permit to carry
 fire-arms or to start a fire in the bush.
 I do not overlook the fact that in such
 circumstances and until a new genera-
 tion is born to which liquor is not bone
 of its-bone, flesh of its flesh, that there
 will be much impetus given thereby
 to prospecting.

I looked through Mr. Hurt's letter to
 find a suggestion for doing away with
 the admitted evils of the drink traffic,
 and I find that his only remedy is sum-
 med up in this one statement: "His
 remedy is that the drink traffic should be
 evils caused so gross as to predominate
 over the pleasure given can themselves
 abstain from the use of such com-
 modities." What a nice comforting
 message for the wife and children of a
 drunkard, or again what a fine tonic
 to the nerves of a man who has been
 in him, the morning after a drunk, a
 man whose very will power has been
 sapped and undermined by the in-
 sidious poison; or say to a sick steady
 drinker who has a lively dose of the
 "D." because his stomach refuses to
 take the poison that he has been
 poured down into it day after day.

He talks of liberty and says: "Read
 John Stuart Mills' essay on Liberty,
 and then read it again." What liberty
 has even a steady drinker (I speak not
 now of those in the habit of getting
 drunk) Well, better to be spoiled by
 to assert his liberty to quit drinking
 for a while, he either finds, in common
 parlance, it can't be done by his own
 will-power, or else he gets the "D.T.s,"
 and it is dangerous to be within a mile
 of him. There are a great many
 devout churchmen who cannot abstain
 during Lent. Then as to the liberty
 of the man who is addicted to getting
 "full." Read Lamb's "Confessions of
 a Drunkard." No, you will not need to
 read it twice, in order to be convinced.
 By Jim Smiley, the hero of the story
 a Chaudhry. Like DeQuincey with his
 opium eating, he knew whereof he
 spoke by his own experience.

"Silly ass; if you believe in being
 spoon fed by a government, by all
 means vote for any kind of prohibi-
 tion." Well, better to be spoiled by
 your own government than bottled fed
 by the brewer and distiller. Every
 family man knows that with children
 the stage of spoon feeding is one more
 advanced than being fed on the bottle,
 and after all, as Barrie says, men and
 women are but "children of a larger
 growth."

Mr. Hurt talks of "common horse-
 sense" in regard to what matters the
 will of the majority shall prevail in.
 To obtain a good definition of what
 constitutes "horse sense" he should
 have taken that trip with Gulliver to
 the land of the Houyhnhnms, where
 the horse was master and men and
 women merely "yahoos." He would
 then know that Gulliver had hard
 work making a horse believe that in-
 venting themselves civilized could im-
 port wine from foreign countries "not
 to supply the want of water or other
 drinks, but because it was a sort of
 liquid which made us merry by putting
 us out of our senses, diverted all
 melancholy thoughts, begat wild ex-
 travagant imaginations in the brain,
 raised our hopes, and in other words
 fears; suspended every office of reason
 for a time, and deprived us of the use
 of our limbs, till we fell into a pro-
 found sleep; although it must be con-
 fessed that we always awakened sick,
 and dispirited, and that the use of this
 liquor filled us with diseases, which
 made our lives uncomfortable and
 short."

In case it should be thought by some
 that what I have written is too strong
 as applied to the drink traffic in this
 country where the evil is admittedly
 better controlled than in some coun-
 tries, I would say that there is no
 harm in taking a lesson from the ex-
 perience of an older country. I main-
 tain that getting rid of the traffic now
 will prevent its obtaining such a
 strangle hold on this country as it has
 in England, where even Hercules
 like Lloyd George sees difficulties in
 the way of turning loose a river of
 cold water through the Augean stables
 of King Booz. Intoxicating liquors
 have proved themselves to be a snare
 to the individual, a plague to the
 community, and a menace to the coun-
 try. Let's have done with them, once
 and for all.

Yours truly,
 ARTHUR SMITH.
 Vernon, B. C., May 12th, 1917.

WAR TROPHIES.
 Layington, B. C., May 14, 1917.
 To the Editor Vernon News.

Sir,—I read the following paragraph
 in an old country paper which I get
 regularly. It says that "A war office
 committee is sitting, under the chair-
 manship of the Hon. Mr. Macdonald,
 with the collection and allocation of
 captured guns, machine guns, and other
 trophies. It is understood that these
 trophies will be allocated to the
 home districts of the troops which cap-
 tured them."

It is very clear whether this commit-
 tee is Imperial in its scope, but there
 seems to me sufficient justification for
 our local authorities making enquiries
 of the Dominion Government as to
 whether similar steps are being taken
 with regard to the booty which our
 troops are capturing. I am sure that
 even if we only consider that captured
 with the Vimy Ridge. Some of the men
 who helped to win that hitherto con-
 sidered impregnable ridge came from
 this district and many were trained on
 the local rifle range.

A cannon, two grand rounds of
 Union Jack on the camp ground, and a
 couple outside the city chambers and
 a couple of machine guns or two trench
 mortars guarding the Coldstream
 municipal office would make the blood
 in our veins course faster than ever
 we passed them by reason of the sacri-
 fice they entailed.

I am, etc.
 D. RUSSELL.
DENIES RUN REPORT.
 British Did Not Lose Destroyer in
 Running Fight.

**FORCIBLE SPEECH BY
 KELOWNA MEMBER**
 (Continued from Page 1.)

roads, were great and permanent as-
 sets. It meant just so much of the
 future was provided for.
 Dealing with the next taxation which
 the first Liberal budget provided for,
 Mr. Jones pointed out that in the main
 the real property tax, which was
 doubled, fell on the farmers; the per-
 sonal property tax, which was doubled,
 fell on the small merchants who were
 already under about all the burden
 they could carry during war time and
 the amusement and poll taxes fell on
 the wage earners. The Premier spoke
 of "scientific" taxation, but all the
 budget amounted to was direct taxa-
 tion.

There had been a great deal of talk
 while the Liberals were in opposition
 of what was described as the exorbi-
 tant expenditure of the late Govern-
 ment on civil government, and the result
 the estimates showed a decrease of
 only 6 1/2 per cent, and if could not be
 said how much of this was an actual
 decrease as the late Government's es-
 timates always exceeded its actual ex-
 penditures.

Public works estimates had been
 "well doctored," said Mr. Jones, a re-
 ference to the fact that the department
 is headed by Dr. King, a medical man.
 He declared that the amount appro-
 priated for roads and bridges was so
 small that it would be inadequate for
 maintenance and that the result would
 be that the roads would run down, be-
 come impassable in some places and
 there could be only one consequence—
 heavier expenditures later while the
 people in the meantime would suffer
 through the shape the roads would get
 into. Mr. Jones asked why, if the only
 work to be carried on was mainten-
 ance, had the Government decided to
 appoint civil engineers as road super-
 intendents. It did not need a civil en-
 gineer so much as a practical road
 builder to supervise repairs. Appar-
 ently they were being superintended all
 they could get more profitable work
 elsewhere.

Urging larger expenditures for the
 development of the agricultural indus-
 try, Mr. Jones said that the fruit "by-
 product" industry should receive atten-
 tion by the government. Reservations might
 be opened up and the land given to re-
 turned soldiers, he suggested. To drive
 home his point that the farm industry
 should receive every possible assist-
 ance he pointed out that Vancouver
 annually imported from outside British
 Columbia \$1,825,000 worth of butter.
 This should all be raised in the prov-
 ince and the money kept at home.

Act a Great Success.
 Mr. Jones contended that the Agri-
 cultural Credits Act had been a great
 success and he asked what the new
 Government was going to do about the
 505 applications which were under con-
 sideration. Fees paid on these applica-
 tions totalled \$3,500 of the farmers' money which was being held by the
 Government. Did it propose to hold
 this money indefinitely, or to raise fur-
 ther money for distribution as loans on
 farms?

He urged the development of the
 sheep and cattle industry. Switzerland
 had 1,442,000 cattle, British Columbia
 had 251,000; yet this province was 19
 times larger than Switzerland and Van-
 couver Island alone was as large as
 Great Britain, yet Great Britain had
 7,500,000 sheep and the whole of this
 province had only 50,000.

Mr. Jones recalled that Mr. Brewster
 during the election campaign had said
 that the salaries of the agricultural
 commission members should be fixed by
 statute and not "left to the caprice of
 the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,"
 yet the Government's new agricultural
 act left the salaries to the cabinet.
 Mr. Brewster had said that appoint-
 ments to the commission should be
 "subject to ratification by the Legisla-
 ture," but he had not followed that
 policy in the act introduced during his
 first session in office.

**BIG OFFENSIVE
 IN MACEDONIA**
 Allies Undertake Drive Along
 Front of About Hun-
 dred Miles.

London, May 12.—Along the entire
 front in Macedonia, from Monastir to
 Lake Doiran, a distance of about 100
 miles, the Allies have opened a great
 offensive.

Bitter fighting is proceeding in the
 bend of the Cerna River and in the
 neighborhood of the Vardar, the two
 points on the Macedonian front where
 the wild, barren country of moun-
 tains and deserts is broken by fertile
 valleys. Military critics are agreed
 that it is up one of these valleys that
 the Allied forces must force a way.

Attacking on a front of about four
 miles in the Lake Doiran region of
 Macedonia, British troops and one wing
 took Teutonic allied trenches on a
 front of two miles, and on the other
 flank advanced on a front of about a
 mile, according to a British official
 communication which is dated Saloniki,
 Tuesday night.

After artillery preparation lasting
 several days our troops attacked the
 enemy's trenches from a point south-
 west of Lake Doiran on a front of
 about four miles," says the communi-
 cation. "On the left flank we captured
 the enemy's trenches on a front of two
 miles, and advanced our line to an
 average depth of five hundred yards
 and consolidated our new position."
 "On the right we captured the
 enemy's trenches between the lake and
 Petit Noureine on a front of about a
 mile. The enemy, however, heavily
 counter-attacked our line to an
 extent of about 100 yards. After de-
 termined hand-to-hand fighting in which
 our troops inflicted severe losses, they
 were forced back by superior numbers
 to their original position."
 "Bombing raids by aeroplanes on
 enemy communications and transport
 have caused much damage. One and a
 half tons of explosives were dropped
 with good effect."

**HINDENBURG'S BACK
 AGAINST THE WALL**
 Germans Will Be Compelled to
 Make a General Retreat if Dro-
 Court-Queant Line Breaks.

London, May 12.—An officer of high
 official rank, with special facilities for
 ascertaining the exact state of affairs
 on the fronts, outlined to me today the
 present status of the general military
 situation.
 "The question of gain and loss on the
 western front is one of entirely minor
 importance. The decisive battle of the
 war may just as well be fought in the
 present locality as anywhere else," he
 said. "There is no intention of break-
 ing through the German army line.
 Instead, we want to break down the
 German army. As it now stands, we

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FOR SALE—A two wheel buggy with tip-up seats, in good condition. Can be seen at E. A. Orchard's Auction Yard, Vernon. 56-2p

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WANTED—Blacksmith for ranch work. Steady employment the year round. Apply P. O. Box 274, Kelowna. 56-2

WANTED—Elderly woman to look after house and two girls. Apply Mrs. D. Whitte, Vernon, P. O. 56-1p

PIANO FOR SALE—Cheap for cash or on terms to reliable party. 56-1 Office Box 62.

TOMATO, CABBAGE AND ASPER—Plants for sale at reasonable prices. Phone 199, K. G. Burney, Vernon. 56-1p

FOR SALE—Blackskin horse, weight 1250, good worker. \$100 cash. Apply Stock, Nahon. 56-4p

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FOR SALE—Child's pony. Price \$25.00. Apply Mrs. Thomas, Pine Street East, or phone 268. 56-3p

LOST IN VERNON, on Monday, a light rain coat. Reward if returned to Neil & Cryderman. 56-1p

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WANTED—Young pigs, cattle and seed potatoes. F. E. Rimer, Maple Street, Vernon. 56-2p

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Vegetables. Potatoes, per bush, \$3.25 Dry onions, per bush, 30c Carrots, per bush, 30c Turnips, per bush, 30c

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THE VERNON NEWS, VERNON, B.C.

SPRING ASSIZES NOW IN SESSION

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to examine, whether or not there was sufficient ground to warrant further investigation. It was within their province as grand jurors to visit the public institutions and their management and condition and also to bring to the attention of the authorities any matters relating to the administration of justice which seemed to them to call for inclusion in their presentment.

After the grand jury had retired, Harry McHollister charged with theft of a watch was placed in the dock and elected to be tried before His Lordship and a jury. The petit jury was then excused until 4 p.m., and at that time, as the grand jury was still deliberating, court was adjourned until 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, all witnesses being warned by the registrar to remain within the court house precincts.

True Bills.

On Tuesday morning true bills were returned in the several criminal charges.

Ret. vs. McHollister.

To the charge of having taken a gold-filled watch from one John Milke in the Vernon Hotel on April 18th, the accused, H. McHollister, who was defended by counsel, pleaded not guilty. The juryman selected were: E. D. Watts, foreman, Sidney Cousens, Alex. McMullen, Thos. E. Byers, Fred Underwood, Maurice Cochrane, W. G. McKenzie, Malcolm Doherty, Lennox Fox, C. J. Becker, E. A. Orchard and Michael Hiseon.

Hugh Cox stated that he was the son of D. H. Cox, proprietor of the Vernon Hotel. His evidence was not taken at the preliminary hearing. He was attending bar when the trouble had taken place. John Milke, a Russian, who spoke broken English, was in the bar on the evening of April 18th. McHollister, the accused, was with him. This was about 7:30. He served them with several drinks. There were other men with them and they seemed to be all on friendly terms. Milke was buying drinks and he heard the talk buying around to buying a watch. He thought McHollister had a small wrist watch which he offered to sell. The witness told Milke that he had a good watch which he would sell for \$10, and a deal was made. He gave Milke

the watch and received \$10 from him. He recognized the watch produced in court as the one he sold Milke. He identified it by his initials "H. C." which he had scratched on the inner case with a pen knife. About nine o'clock the same evening, he saw Milke sitting alone on a bench in the pool-room. There were several men standing around and talking loudly. One was a short shoemaker named Bouchard and one was a German named Specht. He heard some talk about a pocket book but didn't see the accused then.

John Milke swore that he was a Russian and produced a naturalization paper dated Dec. 5th, 1908, filed in the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan. He was a farm laborer. He was in the Vernon Hotel last April 18th, "standing up to the bar" and the accused McHollister who was then in soldier's uniform wanted to sell him a watch. He picked McHollister up at the Coldstream Hotel earlier in the evening. McHollister said he was broken and he had had 50 in the morning. They had a few drinks at the Coldstream and then went down to the Vernon Hotel. On the way McHollister told him he was a discharged soldier but still had his uniform on. Hugh Cox said he would sell him a good watch and he bought it for \$10. He put the watch in his right hand pants pocket and put the money back in his left hand pocket. After the deal was made he went into the poolroom and sat down on a bench and went to sleep.

To the judge he said he had been drinking whiskey. He didn't know how many drinks he had, but said he didn't stand much. When McHollister was talking to another soldier he went off to sleep. He next remembered being awakened by a small man. He could not remember the circumstances but the accused said he was out of funds and wanted \$5.00. He offered \$4.00 and they finally compromised at \$4.50, which he paid to McHollister. The accused was wearing a military shirt and military boots.

After his testimony, McHollister testified that he had the watch for a year and guaranteed it a good time-keeper. He said he had gotten it in a trade with another man for a silver watch and some money. It was a gold-filled watch. In reply to His Lordship he said that the second-hand value was seven to ten dollars. When new it would be worth fifteen or seventeen dollars at the outside.

Asked if he desired to cross examine the witness the accused replied, "No, every word he has sworn to is correct."

Provincial Constable George Arthur Johnson testified having gone to Armstrong on April 21st where the accused was in custody of Constable Warner. He had a warrant for McHollister's arrest. He read this over to him and cautioned him in the usual manner. The accused told him that he didn't steal the watch which had been taken out of the "German man's" pocket and that he had bought it.

The accused contradicted much of Constable Johnson's evidence which he said was incorrect except his reading of the warrant and caution.

This concluded the case for the crown. The accused was instructed that he could either make a statement from the dock or be sworn by in the evidence would be subject to cross-examination.

McHollister replied that he would sooner be sworn. He testified that he had been in the army and had not been discharged as the authorities would not decide whether they would keep him on or let him out.

The witness said he was a canteen by occupation, coming to this country from California. When arrested in Armstrong he did not know what it was for and asked the constable if it was for leaving the army. The constable read the warrant over to him, searched him, and told him he would have to go back to Vernon. McHollister told him he had not stolen the watch. The German had given it to him, he said. He saw Milke first at the Coldstream Hotel on April 18 and they had four or five drinks together. Milke tried to telephone to someone at Okanagan Landing, but did not succeed very well and swore a good deal. Then he asked McHollister to go with him to the Vernon Hotel. According to McHollister, Milke on the way promised to give him a suit of clothes as his son had several suits. At the Vernon Hotel McHollister told Milke that he had a watch to sell and showed him a black wrist watch. Young Cox said to Milke that he would sell him a good watch for \$10. Milke pulled out some money and gave Cox \$5.00. Cox then said, "Come across with another five" and Milke did so. "The witness said that they were all 'pretty well shot' by this time. Milke had his hand full of bills and he reached out his other hand and grabbed at McHollister's pipe and pulled the bowl off and put it in his pocket. The stem remaining with McHollister. He stated that then both of them went out to another room and Milke staggered and fell to his knees and the watch fell out and slid along the floor. McHollister picked up the watch and Milke told him he would give it to him. He knew he should not have taken it but he did.

They had two more drinks of beer and when it was time for McHollister to get back to camp, Milke was by that time sitting asleep on a bench. McHollister sat down beside him and shook him to get his pipe bowl. Milke tried to stand up, but couldn't. McHollister put his hand in Milke's pocket to get the pipe and just then the little French fellow came in and spoke to him roughly and accused him of "robbing" Milke, calling him by a foul name, but wouldn't let him go. After that he left the hotel. McHollister said he was in the 23rd Battalion and also in the 172nd and had applied three times to go overseas.

Cross examined by the crown prosecutor he admitted that he went about midnight to the Kalomanka Hotel and asked the night clerk if he wanted to buy a watch and showed him the same watch and also his wristlet watch and told him he would sell it as he had two watches. The price asked was \$12 but the night clerk refused to buy and he then went away.

To the judge, McHollister said that when Milke staggered to his knees the watch slid over the floor; he said to Milke, "You had better give it to me." He realized that he should not have taken it but Milke gave it to him and he took it.

The accused said that if he had wanted to steal he would have gone after the pocketbook, because that would have been easy to take.

Bouchard was recalled and questioned as to what was done down at the hotel when he saw McHollister appear. He said when he saw McHollister appear, he was going through Milke's pockets and as to the language used by Bouchard.

short man picked up the pocket book and handed it to him, but afterwards he corrected this statement and said another man had gone home with it and he sent his son back to the hotel to get the pocketbook.

George Bouchard stated that he was a shoemaker, and lived at the Vernon Hotel. He saw Milke on April 18 at the hotel, the hotel and saw McHollister with him. They were talking together outside the hotel and they went into the hotel. Sometime afterwards his attention was called to something going on in the poolroom. He saw Milke asleep on a bench and McHollister going through his pockets. Milke's left pants pocket was turned inside out. McHollister had his right hand in Milke's right hand pocket and his left hand in his coat pocket. He said to McHollister: "What do you want to go through that man's pockets for?"

The accused replied, "Give me a smoke." Bouchard said to him, "Give me a smoke, let it drop," and McHollister got up and walked out. He awakened Milke who was stupid. In a little while Milke got up and Bouchard found the pocket book lying beside him on the bench. He did not open it but handed it to Mr. Cox. Milke said he knew nothing of what was going on. This was about half past nine or a quarter to ten.

To Foreman E. D. Watts, the witness said the accused had been drinking but was able to look after himself as he got up and went out. Milke was pretty drunk and often got that way.

William Henry Raines described himself as a second-hand dealer in Armstrong. On the 19th of April the accused came in to his store and wanted to sell a watch. He looked at the inside of the watch exhibited and recognized it by the initials scratched therein. He was diffident about exhibiting the watch in the circumstances and the accused said he was out of funds and wanted \$5.00. He offered \$4.00 and they finally compromised at \$4.50, which he paid to McHollister.

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This concluded the case for the crown. The accused was instructed that he could either make a statement from the dock or be sworn by in the evidence would be subject to cross-examination.

McHollister replied that he would sooner be sworn. He testified that he had been in the army and had not been discharged as the authorities would not decide whether they would keep him on or let him out.

The witness said he was a canteen by occupation, coming to this country from California. When arrested in Armstrong he did not know what it was for and asked the constable if it was for leaving the army. The constable read the warrant over to him, searched him, and told him he would have to go back to Vernon. McHollister told him he had not stolen the watch. The German had given it to him, he said. He saw Milke first at the Coldstream Hotel on April 18 and they had four or five drinks together. Milke tried to telephone to someone at Okanagan Landing, but did not succeed very well and swore a good deal. Then he asked McHollister to go with him to the Vernon Hotel. According to McHollister, Milke on the way promised to give him a suit of clothes as his son had several suits. At the Vernon Hotel McHollister told Milke that he had a watch to sell and showed him a black wrist watch. Young Cox said to Milke that he would sell him a good watch for \$10. Milke pulled out some money and gave Cox \$5.00. Cox then said, "Come across with another five" and Milke did so. "The witness said that they were all 'pretty well shot' by this time. Milke had his hand full of bills and he reached out his other hand and grabbed at McHollister's pipe and pulled the bowl off and put it in his pocket. The stem remaining with McHollister. He stated that then both of them went out to another room and Milke staggered and fell to his knees and the watch fell out and slid along the floor. McHollister picked up the watch and Milke told him he would give it to him. He knew he should not have taken it but he did.

They had two more drinks of beer and when it was time for McHollister to get back to camp, Milke was by that time sitting asleep on a bench. McHollister sat down beside him and shook him to get his pipe bowl. Milke tried to stand up, but couldn't. McHollister put his hand in Milke's pocket to get the pipe and just then the little French fellow came in and spoke to him roughly and accused him of "robbing" Milke, calling him by a foul name, but wouldn't let him go. After that he left the hotel. McHollister said he was in the 23rd Battalion and also in the 172nd and had applied three times to go overseas.

Cross examined by the crown prosecutor he admitted that he went about midnight to the Kalomanka Hotel and asked the night clerk if he wanted to buy a watch and showed him the same watch and also his wristlet watch and told him he would sell it as he had two watches. The price asked was \$12 but the night clerk refused to buy and he then went away.

To the judge, McHollister said that when Milke staggered to his knees the watch slid over the floor; he said to Milke, "You had better give it to me." He realized that he should not have taken it but Milke gave it to him and he took it.

The accused said that if he had wanted to steal he would have gone after the pocketbook, because that would have been easy to take.

Bouchard was recalled and questioned as to what was done down at the hotel when he saw McHollister appear. He said when he saw McHollister appear, he was going through Milke's pockets and as to the language used by Bouchard.

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